

J. P. MORGAN AND COMPANY WITHDRAW FROM BOARDS

As a Result of Apparent Change in Sentiment of the American Public.

RESIGN FROM COMPANIES

And Will Now Be in Better Position to Serve Such Properties, Says Morgan.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—J. P. Morgan and Company today announced that they had severed their connection with some of the greatest corporations in the country. This step it was announced was taken voluntarily in response to "an apparent change in public sentiment on account of some of the problems which have been having to do with so-called interlocking directorates." Among the corporations from which they retired are the New York Central and New Haven railroads. J. P. Morgan made this statement:

"The necessity of attending many meetings has been a burden upon our time that we have long wished to withdraw from the directorates of many corporations. Most of these directorships we have accepted with reluctance and only because we felt constrained to keep in touch with properties which we had reorganized or whose securities we had recommended to the public both here and abroad.

"An apparent change in public sentiment in regard to directorships seems to warrant us in seeking to resign from some of these connections. Indeed it may be in view of the change in sentiment upon the subject that we shall be in a better position to serve such properties and their security holders if we are not directors. We have already resigned from the companies mentioned and we expect from time to time to withdraw from other boards upon which we feel there is no special obligation to remain."

The companies to which Mr. Morgan referred from whose board members of the firm have already submitted their resignations as directors are:

J. P. Morgan—New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, West Shore Railroad Company, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, Michigan Central Railway Company, New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railway; New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad; Central New England railway; New York, Westchester and Boston railway; Harlem River and Portchester railroad; Milebrook Company; New Haven Navigation Company; New England Steamship Company; Rhode Island company; Rutland Railway Company; Hartford and Connecticut Western; New York, Ontario and Western railway; Western Union Telegraph Company.

Other members of the firm have retired from these companies:

Charles Steele—The Jersey Central Railroad Company, and the U. S. Steel corporation.

H. P. Davidson—American Telephone and Telegraph Company; Astor Trust Company; Guaranty Trust National Bank.

W. H. Porter—The Bankers Trust Company, and Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

Thomas W. Lamont—Western Electric and Manufacturing Company; Utah Copper Company; Astor Trust Company; Bankers Trust Company.

By withdrawing from these corporations, J. P. Morgan and Company have cut the strings that have held the country's most important corporations in a community of interest which has been assailed within and without congress. The house of Morgan feels that it has kept within the law in all of its complex corporations and that no legal necessity or threatened complications with the authorities at Washington have made it necessary to adopt a sweeping change in policy announced today.

REPUBLICANS

Swept Everything in Sight at Richwood Thursday and Elected Entire Ticket.

RICHWOOD, Jan. 2.—The Republicans swept everything in sight at yesterday's city election here with the result that every city office will be filled by a Republican for the next term. The majority was in the neighborhood of 100.

Attorney A. L. Craig was elected mayor by a majority of 33. C. A. Orrhood was elected recorder over Martin Smith, cashier of the bank and the Democratic candidate. Two councilmen elected were J. H. Kincaid, C. J. Cutlip, J. H. Watson, G. E. Hurd, S. R. Brown.

SUTTON HIGH TEAM

Defeats Salem High Five in Fast Game Played at Salem.

The Sutton high school basketball team, aspirants for the state high school championship, defeated the Salem high school team in a fast and exciting game at Salem Thursday night by a score of 37 to 13. The Sutton team has not been defeated by a high school team so far this season and is meeting all the leading teams in the state. The Sutton boys were well pleased with the treatment given them at Salem.

RECALL OF SHERIFF IN STRIKE DISTRICT

Is What the Labor Leaders in Michigan Prepare to Ask for of the People.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 2.—Until Governor Ferris receives further information from John B. Deans, solicitor of the department of justice, who is now in the Calumet strike region, no action will be taken by the executive to communicate with President Shaw of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company in an effort to obtain a basis of negotiations for a settlement of the strike. This was announced at the governor's office today.

Clarence Darrow and other labor leaders who conferred with the governor earlier in the week urged him to make another effort to bring together the parties involved in the strike. It was stated at the capitol today that labor leaders and strikers are preparing petitions to be used in an attempt to recall Sheriff Cruse, of Houghton county.

Until Wednesday afternoon, it is said, Clarence Darrow, general counsel for the Western Federation of Miners, did not know that Michigan had a recall law. The constitutional amendment adopted by the people of Michigan last spring provides that the recall shall be effective against all elective state, county and city officers except judges of courts of record.

HIKERS

Are on Their Way again Today on a Mission for Equal Franchise Rights.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

NYACK, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The band of suffragets led by General Rosalie Jones, who left New York for Albany on New Year's day, set out from here at 9 o'clock this morning. Their route led through Haverstraw and Stony Point today and they hope to spend the night at Tompkins Cove, eighteen miles north. The first day's journey over the wind-swept Hudson river roads brought the hikers to Nyack last night with little enthusiasm for anything but rest. General Jones went to bed at 6 o'clock and the rest of the band soon followed her example. At Albany the marchers will meet other suffragets and present a petition to the legislature asking that women be allowed to watch at the polls when the proposed suffrage amendment is voted on in 1915.

DESPATCH CAUSES WILSON TO SMILE

But He Has Nothing to Say as to the Action of J. P. Morgan and Company.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

GULFPORT, Miss., Jan. 2.—President Wilson had just completed his daily game of golf here today when the Associated Press despatch telling of the retirement of J. P. Morgan and Company from the directorates of many important corporations was read to him.

The president listened attentively to the details which included the statement of Mr. Morgan, "he said at his conclusion. Asked if he had anything to say regarding the matter, Mr. Wilson smiled and answered, "Oh, no."

President Wilson has been deeply absorbed here in preparation of the message he expects to read to congress dealing with the trusts and big business. One of the subjects with which he expects to deal is interlocking directorates.

FAMILY TRAGEDY

Results in the Death of the Leaders of Castro's Revolutionary Army.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

CORO, Venezuela, Jan. 2.—A family tragedy resulted in the death yesterday of the leaders of Cipriano Castro's unsuccessful revolutionary army, General Gonzales and General Urbina, who had been erroneously reported among the killed on August 18 last in a battle with the government troops here. General Urbina shot General Gonzales dead after a quarrel. Later in the day, Senora Gonzales assisted by a friend shot and killed General Urbina.

POSTMASTERS NAMED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Postmasters appointed in West Virginia, under the civil service regulations, include: A. Wirt Berry at Flat Woods, Braxton county, to succeed M. H. Squires, resigned; Guy L. Swisher at McWhorter, Harrison county, to succeed J. I. Sharfensker, removed; and Charles C. McNew at Wilcox, McDowell county, to succeed W. J. Hatfield, resigned.

Nelson Reid is here from Parkersburg.

DERAILED CAR

Knocks Pier from Under Bridge Delaying Traffic Over it for Several Days.

The large steel bridge spanning the railroad tracks in the East End and connecting East Pike street and the Montpelier addition was partially destroyed at midnight Thursday when a freight wreck occurred under it tearing away one of the piers of the bridge and causing the road bed of the bridge to fall, making traffic over the bridge impossible.

A yard engine was switching cars on a siding near the pier of the bridge and a freight car jumped the track and before the engine could be stopped the bridge badly damaged. The wreck was not near the main track and as the bridge has several piers under it, the frame work of the bridge did not drop low enough to delay traffic on the main line of the road.

The yard crew cleared away the wreckage Friday morning and as the bridge will be repaired as soon as possible.

TO FLORIDA

Congressman Brown Goes for Benefit of Health on Advice of His Physician.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Congressman W. G. Brown, who has been quite ill for several weeks, only getting out in time to vote for the final passage of the federal reserve bill, which he, as a member of the House committee on banking and currency, had an important part in framing, has gone to Florida to spend several weeks. The trip was advised by the physician who has been treating Mr. Brown, in order that he may have complete rest and be free from the worries and annoyances of a congressman's life in Washington. He is expected to return soon after the reconvening of congress on January 12.

Judge Thomas P. Jacobs, of New Martinsville, was a visitor here Friday.

DEPUTIES RELEASED

From Prison in Mexico as There is No Basis for Accusation of Rebellion.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 2.—Twenty-six former Mexican deputies imprisoned by Provisional President Huerta last October were released from the penitentiary today. This number does not include Rodolfo Reyes, former minister of justice, nor Jorge Vera Estanoli, former minister of public instruction. The judge of the district court, who had charge of the investigation, found there was no basis for the accusation of rebellion.

GANG OF THIEVES

Who Steal Automobile Robes Are in the City and One Has Been Captured.

The police last night made the first arrest in what they intend shall be a campaign to break up a gang of automobile robbers, who have infested the city for the past several days.

Acc. Jemerson, an ex-inmate of the penitentiary at Moundsville, where he served a term for larceny, was arrested by Officer Joyce charged with stealing a robe from the automobile of Mr. J. M. Carskaddon yesterday afternoon. Soon after his arrest, Jemerson confessed to stealing the robe and accompanied Chief Brooks and Officer Sims to Adamson, where the robe was recovered. Jemerson having sold it to a party there for twenty-five cents.

He told the police that there were others in the gang, who were making a specialty of stealing automobile robes and he gave the authorities information, which he thought, will lead to several more arrests before nightfall.

Fred Monroe, another ex-convict, who served a term in the penitentiary at Moundsville for stabbing Blaine Kearns, a member of the police force some time ago, was arrested shortly after noon by Officer James Slams on a charge of being connected with the automobile robe thefts. He was implicated in Jemerson's confession. The police are still at work on the case and expect to have still more members of the gang behind the bars within a few hours.

This Season Than Last as Shown by Department of Agriculture Figures.

CONDITION ENCOURAGING

Statistics Issued by the Department as to State Crops Are Interesting.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Farmers of West Virginia have sown less wheat this season than last. Possibly this is because the yield per acre and the value per bushel both fell off for the last crop, and they may feel more encouraged in raising some other crop than wheat. However, the condition of the wheat that is sown was most encouraging on the first of December, for which figures have been given out by the Department of Agriculture. The condition of wheat in West Virginia on that date was ninety-five per cent, compared with ninety-one per cent for the preceding year and the average of the last ten years. The acreage planted this season is 241,000, compared with 243,000 the preceding year. The acreage of rye planted in West Virginia this season is about 18,000, which is almost the same as last season. The condition of this crop is also said to be better this year, the percentage being ninety-four for the year 1913, compared with eighty-nine on the same date in the preceding year and eighty-nine for the average of the last ten years.

With more acres of corn planted in West Virginia in 1913 than in 1912, the yield per acre was less and the total production less, although the value to the producer was greater. The total production for 1913 in the state was 22,592,000 bushels, valued on December 1 at eighty cents per bushel. This was a yield of thirty-one bushels an acre, from 732,000 acres. The total value of the crop based on prices of December 1 was \$18,154,000. In the preceding year the acreage was 725,000, the yield per acre thirty-four bushels, valued on December 1 at sixty-five cents per bushel, making the yield of 24,505,000 bushels worth but \$15,928,000. The acreage, yield per acre, total production, price per ton and total value of the hay crop of West Virginia for 1913 were all lower than for 1912. The acreage was 740,000, a decrease of 5,000 acres. The yield per acre was 1.25 tons, a decrease from 1.20. The total production was 925,000 tons, a reduction from 1,023,000. The price per ton on December 1 was \$14.90, a decrease of ten cents and the value of the crop based on prices of December 1, was \$13,782,000, compared with \$15,420,000 the preceding year.

The wheat crop of the state for 1913 was 3,055,000 bushels, valued at \$1 per bushel on December 1. The crop of the preceding year was 3,378,000 bushels valued at \$1.01 on December 1. The acreage was 235,000 acres compared with 233,000 the preceding year and the yield per acre was thirteen bushels in 1913 and 14.5 in 1912.

The value of the oat crop declined in 1913, being but \$1,408,000, compared with \$1,461,000 in 1912. The acreage was greater and the price per bushel on December 1 was greater, but the yield was less.

With a smaller yield per acre, on about the same acreage, and a smaller total yield, the higher price for potatoes in 1913 brought the total value of the crop up to \$3,586,000, compared with \$3,264,000 the preceding year. The higher price for tobacco brought the total value of the crop almost up to that of the preceding year, although there was a smaller acreage and a smaller yield per acre. The value for 1913 of West Virginia's tobacco crop, based on the price on December 1, was \$1,224,000, compared with \$1,321,000 in 1912.

The aggregate value of West Virginia's farm crops, not including orchard products, animals, poultry, butter, milk or eggs, based upon the prices of December 1, for 1913, as given by the Department of Agriculture, was \$41,591,000, being itemized as follows:

Corn	\$18,154,000
Hay	13,782,000
Potatoes	3,586,000
Wheat	3,055,000
Oats	1,408,000
Tobacco	1,224,000
Rye	200,000
Sweet potatoes	182,000
Total	\$41,591,000

MINE SAFETY

Course is Urged upon General Managers of All the Pennsylvania Coal Mines.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 2.—Letters have been sent to the general superintendents and general managers of every coal company in the state by J. E. Roderick, state chief of mines, urging them to take measures to reduce by fifty per cent the number of accidents. The chief sent letters to the mine inspectors notifying them of the despatch of the letters and directing them to notify the department at once if they find that suggestions for safety are not being followed. In case of persistent violation of directions for safety, inspectors are instructed to institute suits.

FERTILIZER WASTE BY COKE MAKERS

In This State Amounts to Several Million Dollars in Value Every Year Now.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—West Virginia coke producers annually waste several millions of dollars worth of fertilizing material through the practice of using the beehive coke ovens instead of the by-product ovens.

According to a bulletin of the Department of Agriculture, just issued, \$22,000,000 worth of ammonia, from which ammonium sulphate, a valuable fertilizing material, could be made, is annually wasted in the United States by the practice of making coke in the beehive type of oven, rather than in the more modern and more profitable by-product ovens.

(West Virginia produces approximately one-tenth of the coke produced in the United States, which would indicate a waste in that state alone of \$2,200,000 a year. But, West Virginia has fewer by-product ovens than many of the principal coke producing states, so that the waste in the state is greater in percentage than in some of the other states, and the total waste from this one cause probably would reach \$3,000,000 a year. The loss of ammonium sulphate, described by the Department of Agriculture as comparing favorably with sodium nitrate as a plant stimulant, occurring in the distillation of coal for the production of coke, is described in the bulletin as follows: "In the main, coal is distilled in this country in that form of coke oven, the beehive oven, which does not admit of the recovery of the distillation products. Instead, they are allowed to go to waste. So we are indebted to the by-product recovery oven for the main supply of ammonium sulphate. The amount recovered is valued at about \$4,000,000, while the recoverable ammonia annually destroyed in the coking process by the beehive oven is valued at \$23,000,000.

"As most of the supply of chemical fertilizers is imported from Chile and as surveys have shown that the fertilizer beds of that country are limited as to quantity, the bulletin of the Department of Agriculture states that these facts should serve as a warning in this country against undue waste."

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TO SEARCH MINE

For Ralph Lopez, Desperado, Who Took Refuge Therein on November 27.

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BINGHAM, Utah, Jan. 2.—Preparations for the search of the Utah Apex mine, where Ralph Lopez took refuge on November 27, were completed before noon today. Eight picked men gathered at the Andy tunnel entrance and awaited word from Sheriff Smith to knock in the bulkhead and begin the search for the gunman who has killed six men since November 21.

FALSE KNUCKLE CHARGE

Steven Bierse, of Meadowbrook, was arrested Friday morning and required to appear at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in Justice W. E. Starcher's court on a charge of carrying a set of false knuckles last September at Meadowbrook. The charge was preferred by John Smelik, of the same place.

SUIT ON TRIAL

Anna M. Strocher's suit against Robert A. Swiger on a paternity charge is on trial in the criminal court.

BANKS MAKE MUCH MONEY

All Local Financial Institutions Show Splendid Growth during the Year Ended.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The Empire National bank and its most successful year. Its net earnings amounted to eighteen per cent, or two per cent more than the year previous on its capital stock semi-annual dividends of three per cent each were paid the stockholders of the bank and \$20,000 was added to the surplus fund, making that fund \$180,000. The deposits increased \$275,000 over last year and the resources \$340,000.

The Merchants National bank paid eleven per cent in dividends, five per cent at the end of the first six months and six per cent at the end of the year. It made a net profit of twenty per cent of its capital stock. The deposits increased \$150,000 and the resources \$170,000. Business was gratifying and that strong institution starts the year in fine shape.

The Home Bank for Savings showed net earnings for the year of eighteen per cent. Its increase in deposits was most gratifying amounting to thirty per cent of the amount of deposits of the year previous or a total increase of \$140,000. The resources increased \$150,000.

The Farmers bank paid an annual dividend of six per cent, made fifteen per cent net, added \$9,000 to its surplus fund and increased its deposits \$65,000 a very gratifying business for the year. The annual stockholders' meeting will be held Tuesday in rooms at the bank.

The Lowndes Savings and Trust Company kept well to the front as usual in business and enjoyed the general prosperity in this section. It begins the new year with a surplus of \$100,000 and a business for the year. The annual stockholders' meeting will be held Tuesday in rooms at the bank.

The West Virginia bank closed the year by paying its stockholders a semi-annual dividend of three per cent. The year's work resulted in an increase in surplus to the amount of \$8,000 and there was a gratifying increase in the deposits during the year.

The Union National Bank had a very prosperous year. It declared semi-annual dividends of four per cent. Its net earnings were \$50,000 or \$12,000 more than last year. Its deposits increased \$200,000 and the resources \$300,000.

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LACK OF WORK

And Not Labor Disputes is the Cause for the Increased Idleness in State.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Lack of work (not labor disputes) was responsible for an increased percentage of idleness among union workers in New York state during 1913, according to a statement today by Labor Commissioner Lynch. His report shows a greater percentage of idleness for any year since 1886 except 1908. The number of workers on which last year's figures were based was \$27,000. The number reported idle was 101,000, a percentage of 16.1.

CORNERSTONE LAID

Of St. Mark's Lutheran Church is Duly Laid by Judge Thomas P. Jacobs.

Cornerstone laying ceremonies at the new St. Mark's Lutheran church at the corner of Meigs and Park avenues were held late Thursday afternoon with the Masonic fraternity in charge. The stone was laid by Judge Thomas P. Jacobs, of New Martinsville, grand worshipful master of West Virginia, and the Rev. L. K. Probst, of Fairmont, after an introduction by the Rev. W. L. Heuser, pastor of the local church, made the principal address. There was a large attendance.

WESTON DEFEATED

The Schenck basketball five defeated the Weston Collegians in the second game of the season Thursday afternoon at Beechwood Park. Weston, the score being 49 to 15. The Weston team played a much better game than it did on the local floor on Monday night. They played a great ball for Weston, while the entire local team played a nice game.

COUNTY COURT

The county court today appointed William J. Holden, administrator of the estate of William E. Starcher, who will at Emma Thompson was partially probated.

VERY COLD

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The thermometer registered twenty-five degrees below zero here today. It was the lowest temperature in this vicinity in several years.